



Ronald Weitkum

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Ron Weitkum, 86, passed away at his home unexpectedly on Tuesday, while doing what he loved, taking care of his birds.

Born on August 16, 1934, he was the 6th of 7 children born to Gustav H. Weitkum and Esther I. (Felbob) Weitkum. He was born in Racine in the old St. Mary's hospital that is now part of the SC Johnson complex, where he would later retire from after a 41-year career. Ron attended Garfield School and Horlick in Racine and later joined the Marine Corps during the Korean War.

After a two-year engagement, he was united in marriage on July 17, 1965 to Edith A.M Franti at a small church in her hometown of Ewen MI. He was a lifelong Racinian, an original member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church and later a member of Prince of Peace. Ron loved to golf, his garden, his apple trees and in his later years, loved feeding and watching his birds. Always known for his wit, he was the jokester in pretty much any group and was generous with his time to anyone who knew him.

Ron is survived by his wife, Edie; children, Dawn (Frank) Marano, John (Michelle) Weitkum; grandchildren Nick (Jen) Marano, Jamey (David) Mogilka, Lizzie Fletcher, Carly Marano & Justin Weitkum; sister-in-law, Bert Young, brother-in-law, Ken Franti and many, many good friends (of special mention Jean & Gil Bauman) and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Robert, Kip (Clifford), Glenn & Norman; sisters, Jean Dykstra & Doris Hancock; sisters-in-law, Shirley, Beverly & Joan Weitkum and Char (Franti) Nikson; brothers-in-law, Brad Hancock, Harold Dykstra and Leo Nikson; nieces, Debbie McDonald & Marla Wojnarowski and great nephew, Joshua Bressan.

The family would like to thank Dr. Gulberg, Dr. Papp and Dr. Murillo.

Ron will be cremated, and a family ceremony held at a future time.

Gifts to honor of Ron's life may be made to Prince of Peace, 4340 6 Mile Road, Racine WI 53402.

Comments



“ So sorry to hear. Met Ron and Edie during the SHARE food program at St. Andrews church.

STUART BALL - February 23 at 05:12 PM



“ We met Ron years ago (1982?) at the JMBA when we were looking for a team to play with in the Coed Volleyball league. Ron and his friend Ron and their lovely wives adopted us for the season. He was the perfect team mate and taught me all I needed to know about how to have a good time out on the court with great people. Turned out our team was really bad. But we had the most fun. We'll always remember him making that season one to remember.

Pattie and Roger Dosemagen

Patricia A Seitz - February 22 at 10:32 PM



“ Ronnie, due to our large age difference I didn't know you heart to heart as some cousins do. I do however remember when you still lived home on Frederick St. with Auntie Esther, who by the way was my most beloved of all the Aunts. She and my mom, Verna were so close, my mom loved her big sister Esther with all her heart. Mom and I used to walk down to Frederick and visit . I can remember you would come home from work and you'd light up the house with your smile. You always made us laugh. Those are warm memories for me.

We live part time in Texas now and have been stuck here since fall 2019 due to Covid, we were afraid to travel. I've been working on a family tree on Ancestry for a while and was looking forward to dropping in when we got back to Racine. I was hoping that with that age gap of ours you could have more insight into the Felbob family with memories I was too young to make.

Dear Ronnie I may not have seen you often, but you will always be special to me. Your quick smile, sense of humor and warm hugs have set you apart in my heart. Dear cousin I am so sorry to have missed spending one final time with you here on earth. I know you now are back with all your siblings and your folks. I will see you again one day. For now I'm shedding a few tears and thinking back to you and your wonderful wife Edie.

I will see you on the other side one day my sweet funny cousin.

With love from one Felbob to another.

Cheryl Bethards Dargevics

Cheryl Bethards Dargevics - February 21 at 01:49 PM



“ Ron “Rock” was a great friend and Goff buddy. I loved his sense of humor and always looked forward to our golf and card games together. We shared many laughs on the course and in the office at the Waxworks. He will be dearly missed. JC and Helen Miller

John Miller - February 14 at 03:24 PM



“ Dad had lots of stories about you guys and he thoroughly enjoyed his time on the course, at the table and in the office.

Dawn - February 17 at 09:15 AM



“ Ronnie was a kind soul who made you laugh and feel welcomed at St. Andrew’s church. And was always willing to help out when asked. Love the lunch dates until Covid-19 hit. Rest In Peace dear friend.

Ralph and Diane Dunn

Diane Dunn - February 21 at 10:34 AM



“ Sincere condolences to the family! Worked with Ron at the Wax, always very friendly and willing to help anyone! God Bless! RIP Ron!

Tom Chernouski - February 21 at 02:41 PM



“ I always loved going to your house when we were younger, your parents were always so nice to me!
You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Annette Cummings - February 13 at 02:59 PM



“ Ditto when I would come to your house! Thanks Annette- I hope you and the family are doing well.

Dawn - February 17 at 09:16 AM



“ Uncle Ron was a great man blessed with a heart of gold and a wonderful sense of humor. I was blessed to call him my Uncle. My condolences to his entire family and all his friends.

Wendy Coleman - February 12 at 12:26 PM



“ Thank you Wendy. We were all blessed to have him in our life, for sure.

Dawn - February 17 at 09:17 AM



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Nikki Carrion - February 11 at 09:21 PM



“ Nice pic Nik. We were all very blessed.

Dawn - February 17 at 09:18 AM



“ Ron was always a funny guy. I remember him Golfing all the time. Always trying to figure out puzzles. He was a very smart guy and I learned alot from him in the 21 yrs I've known him. He will truly be missed. Rest in paradise Ron.



Nikki Carrion - February 11 at 09:19 PM



“ So sorry for your loss prayers sent for you and your family.

gretchen - February 11 at 02:30 PM



“ Thank you Gretchen. The family appreciates your words and prayers.

Dawn - February 17 at 09:19 AM



“ Clearly my dad owned only plaid shirts.

Dawn - February 11 at 11:34 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Dawn - February 11 at 10:37 AM



“ 21 files added to the album Memories Album



Dawn - February 11 at 08:53 AM



“ I am forever grateful God let you go out on your own terms, at your own home, under your own power with all your senses intact and doing something you had a passion for. Your presence will be missed by all who knew you Dad. I am lucky to have you living inside me, to channel your wisdom and your quiet strength. I was forever blessed being able to stay over and live with you & Mom for days over the past few years. I gained perspective and had time and experiences with you like non other. Thank you for being my yardstick for most of my life. I am sorry for the times I lost sight of it (or as a teen willfully disregarded it). Thank you for being you, for all you did for all of us, you were, and always will be, a significant part of us all. Rest in perfect peace Dad, I'm sorry your last years were so physically uncomfortable. I will love and miss you until my days also come to a close. Dawnie Girl



Dawn - February 11 at 08:38 AM